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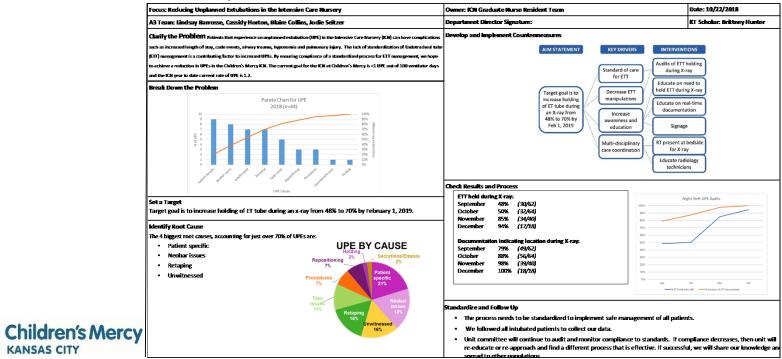
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A3 Overview

A3 for Problem Solving



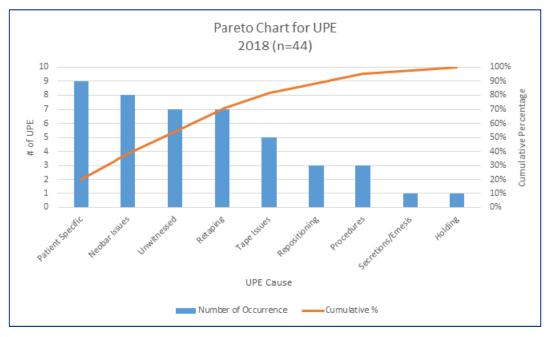


Clarify the Problem

Patients that experience an unplanned extubation (UPE) in the Intensive Care Nursery (ICN) can have complications such as increased length of stay, code events, airway trauma, hypoxemia, and pulmonary injury. The lack of standardization of Endotracheal Tube (ETT) management is a contributing factor to increased UPEs. By ensuring compliance of a standardized process for ETT management, we hope to achieve a reduction in UPEs in the Children's Mercy ICN. The current goal for the ICN at Children's Mercy is <1 UPE out of 100 ventilator days and the ICN year to date current rate of UPE is 1.2.



Breakdown the Problem





Set a Target

 Target goal is to increase holding of ET tube during an x-ray from 48% to 70% by February 1, 2019.



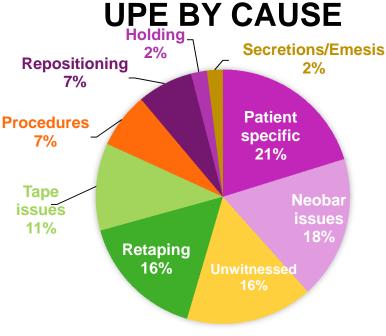


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Identify Root Cause

Inconsistent application of ET tube expectations

- ET tube will be held during chest X-rays
- Location of ET tube during X-rays will be documented real-time



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Jan – Oct 15, 2018 (n=44)

No UPE November

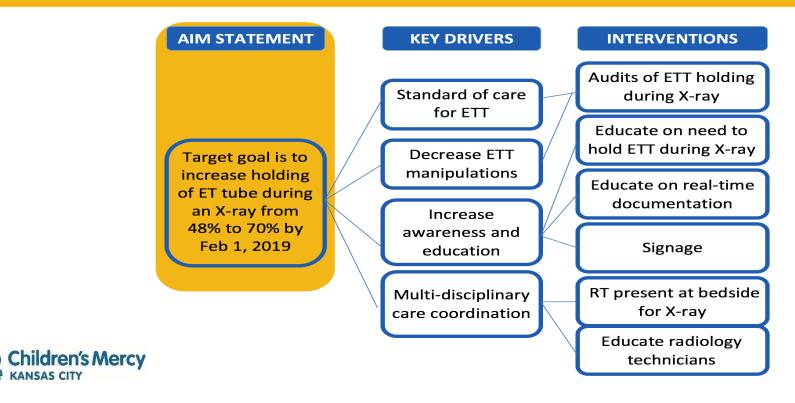
Education & Training in the ICN

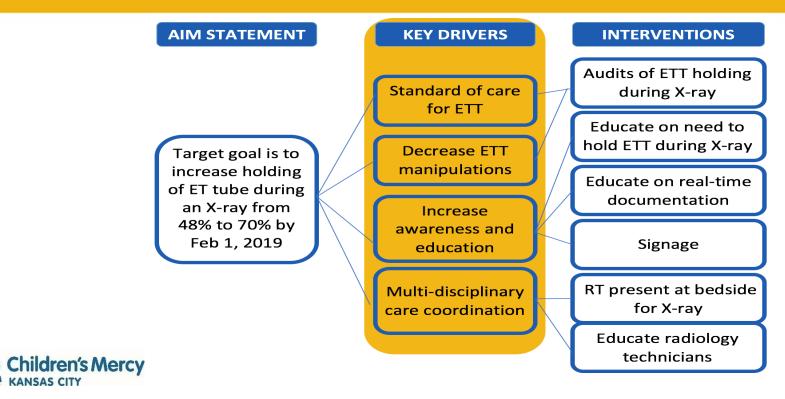
- Practice changes
- Expectations for chest x-ray
- No UPE toolkit
- Charting change
- Education reminders



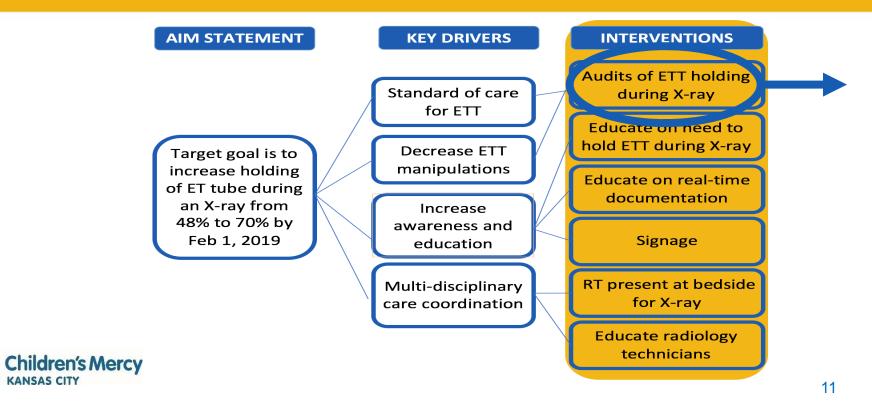




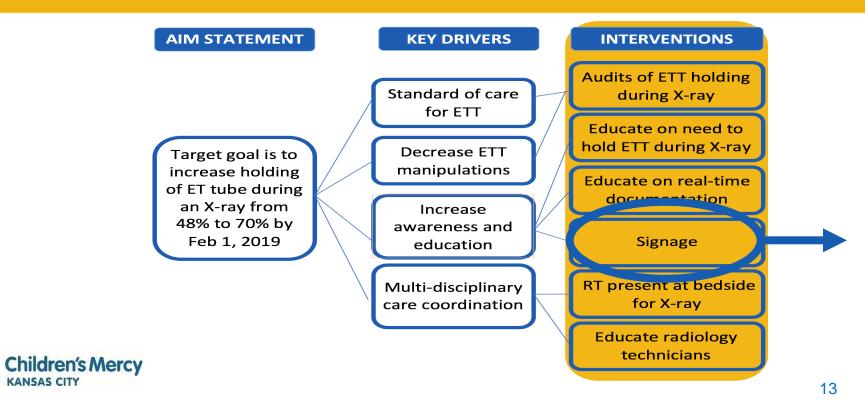




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	No UPE November: Holding ETT during Chest Tube Audit			
	Date:	Bedspace:		
				Comments
	Was a CXR done during shift?	YES	NO 🗌	
	If yes, was ETT held during CXR?	YES	NO 🗌	
	If held, by whom?	RN 🗆	RT 🗌	
			мр 🗌	
\rightarrow	If CXR was done, was documentation completed noting location of ETT during CXR?	YES	NO 🗌	
	For all ETT patients:			
	Does RN know position of ETT is to be documented for all CXRs?	YES	NO 🗌	
Children's Mercy	Does RN know where to document position of ETT for CXRs?	YES	NO 🗌	



Signage for ETT Cards

Design for No UPE November



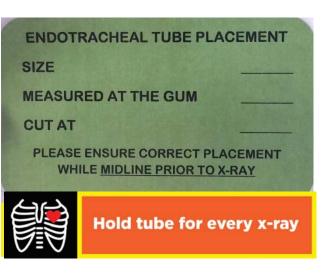
Hold tube for every x-ray

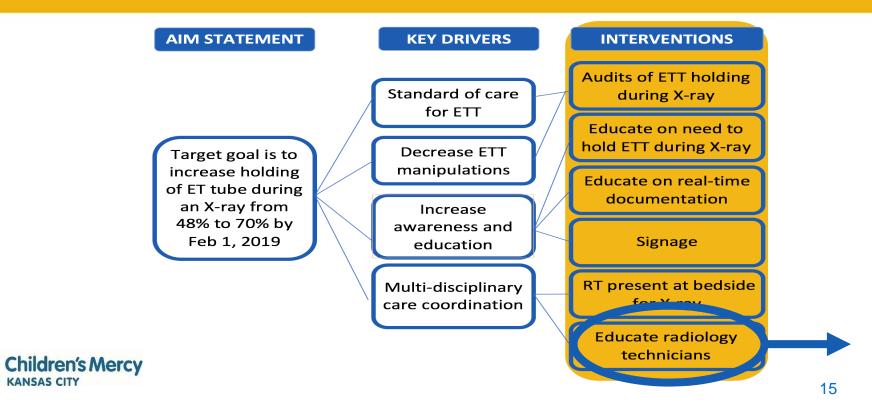
Design #2 for everyday use



Hold tube for every x-ray







Intubated patients

Please make sure an RT and RN are present to verify tube placement and to hold the tube during every x-ray.





Check Results and Process

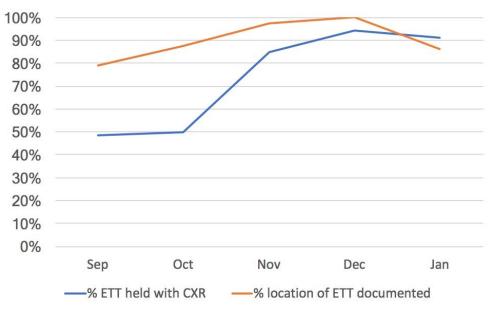
September	48%	
October	50%	
November	85%	
December	94%	
January	91%	
Documentation indicating	location during V ray	
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September	79%	
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September	79%	
September October	79% 88%	

86%

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January

ETT held during X-ray:



Night Shift UPE Audits

Standardize and Follow Up

- The process needs to be standardized to implement safe management of all patients.
- We followed all intubated patients to collect our data.
- Unit committee will continue to audit and monitor compliance to standards. If compliance decreases, then unit will re-educate or re-approach and find a different process that is effective. If successful, we will share our knowledge and spread to other populations.



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